

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The specification has been amended to include the immediate priority information for the instant application. No new matter has been added.

Claims 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 53, 55, 56, 58, 63, 67, 68, 70, 71, 76, 77, 79, 80, 83, 84, and 86-88 are canceled; and claims 43, 59, 65, 66 and 69 are amended as set forth in detail below. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the subject matter of any canceled claim in a related, co-pending application. No new matter is added.

Claim 43 is amended to substitute the term "compound" for "agent" to maintain antecedence with claims 42, from which claim 43 depends.

Claim 59 is amended is amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled claim 63. Accordingly, claim 59 now recites a Markush group of compounds selected from the compound of Formula XI and the compound of Formula XII.


Claims 65, 66 and 69 are amended to remove dependency on claim 63, in view of the cancellation of this claim.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,


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